

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Administration | | (2) MEETING DATE May 9, 2006 | | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Vincent Morici, 781-5020 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Request to approve recommended responses to a single finding and a single recommendation contained in the March Grand Jury report on the Gang Task Force, and to forward the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. | | | | | |
| (5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The Grand Jury has prepared a report addressing the Gang Task Force. The Grand Jury requests a response from the Sheriff Coroner and the Board of Supervisors to the one finding and one recommendation contained in the report. | | | | | |
| (6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve the attached responses and forward these responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. | | | | | |
| (7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | | (8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A | | (9) ANNUAL COST N/A | |
| (10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | | | |
| (11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): The Sheriff-Coroner was consulted during the preparation of the response to the Grand Jury report. | | | | | |
| (12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____ | | | | | |
| (13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All | | | (14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | (15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| (16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____) | | | (17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | |
| (18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | (19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | |
| (20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____ | | | (21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | (22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____ |
| (23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>OK - Jim Grant</i> | | | | | |

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DAVID EDGE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Vincent Morici, Administrative Analyst

DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Response to the 2005-2006 Grand Jury Interim Report on the San Luis Obispo County Gang Task.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached response as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2005-2006 Grand Jury report on the San Luis Obispo County Gang Task Force.

DISCUSSION

The Grand Jury issued an interim report in March of 2006. The interim report addresses the San Luis Obispo County Gang Task Force. The Grand Jury has required that the Sheriff-Coroner and the Board of Supervisors respond to the one finding and one recommendation contained in the report.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Sheriff-Coroner's response to the Grand Jury report. After evaluating the Grand Jury report, staff has prepared a recommended Board of Supervisors' response to the finding and recommendation of the report. The recommended Board of Supervisors response to the Grand Jury Report is contained in Attachment 1. The Sheriff-Coroner response is shown as Attachment 2.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Sheriff-Coroner was contacted as part of the evaluation of the response to this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The federal government provides funding to states to help fund law enforcement efforts related to criminal activities related to gangs. The state in turn makes this funding available to local enforcement agencies. In FY 05-06, the County of San Luis Obispo received about \$221,000 in federal funding for the operations of the Gang Task Force. The actual costs for Gang Task Force operations are about \$80,000 greater than the amount of the grant dollars received. The balance of the expense for Gang Task Force activities is paid for with General Fund dollars. Adoption of the recommendation of the Grand Jury response could result in forgoing about \$200,000 of federal funds and cause

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an increase in the General Fund contribution to the Sheriff, District Attorney and Probation by an amount equal to the amount of federal funding.

RESULTS

Adoption of the findings and recommendations will fulfill the County's obligation to respond to Grand Jury reports as specified in Section 933 of the Penal Code

Attachments

Board of Supervisors' response to the Grand Jury Report on the Gang Task Force
Sheriff-Coroner response to the Grand Jury report on the Gang Task Force

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TO: The Honorable Rodger Piquet,
California Superior Court, San Luis Obispo County

DAVID EDGE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors
Katchik "Katcho" Achadjian, Chairman

DATE May 9, 2006

RE: 2005-2006 Grand Jury Report - County of San Luis Obispo Gang Task Force

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury report related to the County of San Luis Obispo Gang Task Force. This memo is the County Board of Supervisors response to the report. The Sheriff-Coroner has responded to this report and sent his response to you separately. A copy of his response is also included with this report.

Grand Jury Finding 1

A federal Grant, which is subject to withdrawal at any time, continues to be the primary funding source for the Gang Task Force.

Board of Supervisors' response to Finding1

The Board partially agrees with this finding. We agree that federal funding provides the majority of funding for Gang Task Force. However, we would note that the amount of federal funding has not kept pace with the actual costs of the task force. The Board of Supervisors adopted budget for the county includes a combination of the available federal funding and General Fund dollars to assure the continuing activities of the Gang Task Force. The federal funds are allocated on an annual basis. Once allocated, the funds are not withdrawn for that year. It is true that these funds, like many of the other special purpose state and federal funds allocated to the county could be withdrawn at some point in the future. However, we note that funding for the Gang Task Force is included as part of the departmental budgets for the County Sheriff-Coroner, District Attorney's Office and Probation Department. The departments work with the state and the federal government to determine whether federal funding for the Gang Task force will be available for the next year. The federal funding has been available for nearly 20 years and appears to be stable.

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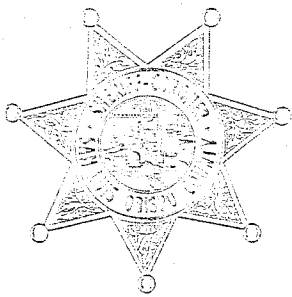
Grand Jury Recommendation 1

The expenditures for the Gang Task Force should be permanently funded as part of the annual San Luis Obispo County budget.

Board of Supervisors response to Recommendation 1

The recommendation from the Grand Jury will not be implemented, because it is not warranted at this time. The Gang Task Force is currently funded and is included in the county budget. A portion of the funding comes from federal sources that have historically been stable. The recommendation implies that other funding sources should be used to fund the Gang Task Force. This would entail forgoing the use of federal funding and replacing it with County General Funds. We do not believe that the county should forgo the use of these federal funds, as they are specifically dedicated for the functions of the Gang Task Force. We also note that the Gang Task Force has been fully funded even as the costs of the Task Force have exceeded the dollars provided by the federal funding. If federal funding for this program ceases entirely, the Board will then consider the use of other funding sources to continue the Gang Task Force. This consideration will occur as part of the county budget process.

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Patrick Hedges

Sheriff-Coroner

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April 26, 2006

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Coast Station
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South Station
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Commander
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The Honorable Roger Picquet
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

RE: 2005-2006 Grand Jury Interim Report - Gang Task Force

Dear Judge Picquet:

I have reviewed the 2005-2006 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury Interim Report regarding the San Luis Obispo County Gang Task Force. My response to their Finding and Recommendation is as follows:

Finding:

- a. *"A federal grant, which is subject to withdrawal at any time, continues to be the primary funding source for the Gang Task Force."*

The respondent agrees with this finding.

Recommendation:

1. *"The expenditures for the Gang Task Force should be permanently funded as part of the annual San Luis Obispo County budget."*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. That response meets the narrowly-defined responses available but does not adequately respond to the issue.

The Gang Task Force (GTF) is currently funded, in part, with a federal grant. The grant funds the salaries of a deputy sheriff, a deputy probation officer, a deputy district attorney and a legal clerk. An additional deputy sheriff is assigned to the GTF to augment the staffing and to help manage the investigative workload. These individuals, in addition to investigating criminal street gang activity, coordinate the anti-gang effort with all law enforcement agencies in the county.

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The Honorable Roger Picquet

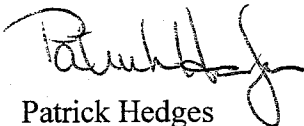
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Re: 2005-2006 Grand Jury Interim Report - Gang Task Force

April 26, 2006

With the grant funding in place, it is premature to use county funds for the purpose of funding the GTF. However, at such time as the federal grant money is no longer available, it will be crucial for the county to recognize the extreme benefit that this task force has provided the residents of San Luis Obispo County and arrange for continued funding. Once the benefits of this proactive, successful program are lost due to the lack of funds, the county will find itself reacting to gang activity and gang violence. That cannot be allowed to occur in this county.

Sincerely,



Patrick Hedges
Sheriff-Coroner

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